

Remarks

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 23, 2010. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of the present application.

By the foregoing amendments, the specification and claims 1-5, 7, 9-15, 17, and 20-21 are amended, and claims 6, 8, 16, 18, and 19 cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by the amendments, and supports for the amendments can be found from throughout the specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed.

Claims Objections

Claims 12-13 are objected to because of certain informalities therein, namely, random parenthesis and asterisk marks. By the foregoing amendments, such informalities are corrected. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition overcoming the informalities objection.

Claims Rejections under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Korean Publication 2002-73865 ("Lee") in view of Korean Publication 2003-5085 ("Dadream").

In response to this rejection, independent claims 1 and 11 are amended by the amendments in order to better highlight novel aspects of the invention over the references of record, namely, by introducing the feature that the call numbers are taken from a list already held on the communication terminal's memory. This feature has the beneficial effect of removing the need for the user to input the number into the communication terminal. It also enables the communication terminal to

automatically request information for new numbers which enter the communication terminal's memory, e.g., in the instance that the communication terminal receives a call or missed call from an unknown number. The feature further allows the communication terminal's address book to be populated and updated without user intervention. Supports for this feature can be found in claim 8 (in original form before the amendments) and the associated disclosures in the specification as filed, including the paragraph from the bottom of page 5 to the top of page 6.

In addition, the claims have also been amended to include the feature that the call number for which a request for information has been made, and the communication terminal's call number, are paired to generate a backup list of call numbers. This enables call numbers and associated call number information to be recovered should the communication terminal be lost or stolen. Supports for this feature can be found in claim 6 (in original form before the amendments) and the associated disclosures in the specification as filed, including page 4, lines 17-29, and page 5, lines 13-22, etc.

Without prejudice to the existing claims, it is submitted that these additional features help to clearly distinguish the amended claims over the prior art and that these amended claims are novel, non-obvious, and patentable over the references under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Lee (Korean Publication 2003-5085) describes a system in which users send personal information about themselves to third parties. Applicant respectfully submits that this system operates in a fundamentally different way to the system of the present invention and therefore is not considered to be of particular relevance to the obviousness of the claimed invention. Moreover, Lee fails to disclose or teach the above described additional features of the claimed invention.

Dadream (Korean Publication 2002-73865) refers to a system in which a call number must be physically inputted into the phone by a user. A request for information concerning the inputted number is sent to a server, which in turn requests authorization from the owner of the call number before answering the user's request. The system of the claimed invention provides advantages over this known system by utilizing the fact that the unknown numbers will generally already be held within the communication terminal's memory, thereby removing the need for the numbers to be manually inputted. It also enables the communication terminal's address book to be automatically populated upon a new call number entering the communication terminal memory. In addition to this, the prior art system does not have any means of generating a backup of the communication terminal's address book or part thereof for use in the instance that the communication terminal is lost or stolen. Accordingly, Dadream also fails to disclose or teach the above described additional features of the claimed invention.

As discussed above, the references of record, namely, Lee and Dadream, either alone or in combination with each other, fails to disclose or teach at least the above described additional features of the claimed invention as claimed. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 11, and claims dependent there upon, are patentable over the references under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

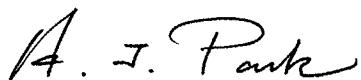
Applicant further notes that a counterpart U.K. patent application was issued as patent (UK Patent No. GB 2430578) after amending the claims in response to the Office Action of the U.K. Patent Office which had cited the same two references of Lee and Dadream in rejecting the claims under the same obviousness or inventive-step ground. By the amendment, the claims were amended to the contents substantially similar to the amended claims of the present U.S. application, which resulted in

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allowance of the claims. A copy of UK Patent No. GB 2430578 is enclosed hereto for reference. Consideration to this fact is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-5, 7, 9-15, 17, and 20-21 as amended) are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney identified below.

Respectfully submitted,



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